[श्री रामदास अग्रवाल]

आखिर उनको रोजगार नहीं दे पाए, आप महंगाई कम नहीं कर पाए, देश में ला एंड आर्डर की स्थिति को शांत नहीं कर पाए व्यवस्थित नहीं कर पाये लेकिन क्या हमको यह भी अधिकार है कि जो लोग स्थिर हैं, एम्प्लोयमेंट में हैं और काम कर रहे हैं, क्या हम उनको भी अन-एम्प्लोईड बनाए बनाए, और उनका भी जीवन हम कष्ट-जय बनाएँ, ? यह अधिकार हमको किस प्रकार मिल गया है ? रि-स्ट्रक्चरिंग तो समझ में आता है, क्योंकि अगर कहीं पर चार आदमी काम करते हों और उनमें से आपको एक आदमी सर्प्लस दिखाई देता है, वह बात तो समझ में आती है । लेकिन जहां तीन हजार कर्मचारी काम करते हैं, और वह सभी नौकरी से हटा दिए जाएंगे तो फिर इस प्रकार की व्यवस्था आज जो हम करने जा रहे हैं, उसमें न्याय-संगत क्या होगा और अन्याय क्या होगा यह मैं सरकार से जानना चाहता हूं ?

महोदया, एक बात और मैं आपसे निवेदन करना चाहता हूं कि अपने उद्योग घरानों या उद्योगपतियों को इस बात की सहूलियत है कि निर्यात के लिए काम बढाने के लिए उनके अपने एस्टेब्लेशमेंट विदेशों में हैं । लेकिन जो छोटा उद्योग-पति है, हैंडीक्राफ्ट्स में काम करने वाला व्यक्ति है या जो छोटे-छोटे घरेलू उद्योग चलाते हैं और जिनके द्वारा उत्पादित वस्तुयें विदेशों में बहुत पसंद की जाती हैं, उनके पास में किसी प्रकार की ऐसी कोई सरकारी एजेंसी नहीं होंगी जिसके माध्यम से वे अपने आइटम्स को एक्सपोर्ट कर सकें । अगर इस प्रकार की कोई आल्टरनेटिव बतांस्था सरकार ने सोची है तो वह बतायी जाए या फिर जब तक छोटे उद्योगों के संरक्षण के लिए, उनके सम्वर्धन के लिए ऐसी आल्टरनेटिव व्यवस्था नहीं होती जब तक इस प्रकार के जो कदम उठाए, जाते हैं उनको रोका जाना चाहिए । कर्मचारियों की इस प्रकार छंटनी करना, यह उनके साथ अन्याय हो रहा है, मैं उस अन्याय का विरोध करना चाहता हूं । मैं सरकार से निवेदन करना चाहता हूं कि इस प्रकार के कदम उठाने से पहले उनको बहुत बातों पर विचार करना चाहिए और इस प्रकार लोगों को अन-एम्लाइड करने के लिए सीधी कदम से दस्तखत करके मंत्री लोग भेज देते हैं, यह बिल्कुल गलत है । धन्यवाद ।

Suicide Committed by an Army Jawan in Nagpur due to Harassment for his Inabilityto Speak in Hindi

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY (Tamil Nadu): Madam, Deputy Chairman, I would like to draw the attention of the Government, through you, through this Special Mention, to a very shocking, disturbing incident, which took place in Nagpur. An Army jawan, who was from Tamil Nadu—he was Tamilian—by name, R.W. Gopalakrishnan, was serving in the Army in Nagpur. What happened? Since he could not speak Hindi, he was subjected to continuous insult and humiliation by others and finally, when he could not bear the insult and humiliation, he committed suicide which has been ascertained and reported by the local police and this news has appeared in the leading Tamil dailies in our State, which has caused much resentment and anger in the minds of particularly non-Hindi speaking Tamil people.

Madam, this is not an isolated single incident. Such incidents are taking place in the Hindi belt and the chauvinism and fanaticism of the Hindi-zealots is growing by leaps and bounds day by day. Madam, these people in the Hindi areas do not realise and understand the mental torture and agony which the non-Hindi people are subjected to. Particularly in the Capitalcity of Delhi when passengers go anywhere, when they go to railway station, they are treated like stranded refugees because previously there was a chart in English also, and now that practice has been given up and they cannot find out their names, the numbers of their berths or seats etc..... (*Interruptions*)... They feel...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry) : We want that they should be written in English and also in Tamil... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : They feel like strangers, they feel like foreigners in the Capital city of Delhi because the Constitution speaks about non-discrimination on the basis of religion, region, caste and sex, but not language which has given a handle to the Hindi fanatics to whip up the passions and do injustice to the non-Hindi speaking people. Therefore, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru gave the assurance, to allay the fears and apprehensions of the people from the non-Hindi speaking areas, that English also would continue as an official language along with Hindi. But that assurance has been given a clean burial. That has been buried a thousand fathoms deep, thrown to the winds, which will finally destroy the unity and integrity of India. The more they impose... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, I want to associate myself...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY. Madam, I would like to associate... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Mr. Fotedar wants to say something. Please sit down... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Madam, I have not completed my Special Mention. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Just a minute. Mr. Fotedar wants to comment... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Madam, I have not completed it...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Let him say... (*Interruption*)...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : I have not completed my Special Mention. I have not completed it. Now only I am coming to a very vital point...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Hindi is being imposed; that is why we object. But if people voluntarily read and write Hindi, nobody will have any objection... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Yes, he is correct More than imposed ...(*Interruptions*)... More than imposed,.. (*Interruptions*)... The more they impose, the more they damage the unity and integrity of the country. Unless they travel by DTC buses in Delhi, they cannot understand... (*Interruptions*)... Therefore, Madam,... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let him complete.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Therefore, my point is to allay the fears there should be some inquiry. A thorough inquiry should be conducted as to what happened in Nagpur. Court-martial proceedings should be initiated. Madam, it is not a matter of Defence Services. The Home Minister is concerned about the implementation of the official language. ... (*Interruptions*)... And the assurance of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru should be honoured; otherwise, you are doing great injustice to the people coming from non-Hindi speaking areas. Every day we have to face such hardships and sufferings, such an ordeal, wherever we go in the north; not only in Delhi, but wherever we go... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Not in the Rajya Sabha ?

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : In the Rajya Sabha also at times by the Ministers. ... (*Interruptions*)... In the Rajya Sabha at times by the Ministers. Even those who can speak English don't speak English...(*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: No, no; in the Parliament you can't claim... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : And they don't respond in English. They respond only in Hindi. ... (*Interruptions*)... We are treated like second class citizens in Delhi. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : This indifferent attitude should not be there. ...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : Madam, I would like to associate...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : While one Member is on his legs and making some point and if you have any grievance... (*Interruptions*)... Have you taken my permission ? You started speaking without my permission. Both of you started speaking ...(*Interruptions*)... I have not given you permission yet because Mr. Fotedar wants to say something. I will also allow him... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY. Madam, even the bureaucrats in Delhi, particularly in North India, can speak English, they know English but they don't respond in English ... (*Interruptions*)... No, you have people who speak English... (*Interruptions*)... It is very dangerous to the unity and integrity of the country. Therefore, I urge the Government ... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Take your seat. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : ... that some assurance should be given about the incident. Some enquiry should be definitely conducted. Only that can remove the fears, doubts and suspicions in the minds of the people coming from the non-Hindi speaking area. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : I want to say only one sentence.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : Yes, okay.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN : While I fully associate with the sentiments expressed by Mr. Gopalsamy, I want to point out that it is not enough for the Government to simply respond to it. This is a very serious matter where we should find out how he was harassed. He is a citizen of India. If a man was good enough to srve in the defence forces of India coming from Tamil Nadu ... (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have other Special Mentions. (*Interruptions*).. Mr. Fotedar wants to say something. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Madam. I want to associate. (*Interruptions*)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: You have associated enough. (*Interruptions*) ...Please take your seat. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY : Madam, the people are being treated as second class citizens and the regional languages are not given their proper place. On the one hand, we have given religion its proper place in the name of unity and integrity of the country on the other, there is a discrimination. For regional languages to grow the Government should take all steps and look into the incident which Mr. Gopalsamy narrated and a thorough enquiry should be conducted and immediately the persons who are responsible should be taken to task.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I am very happy that at least once when I am presiding in the House you have associated with them (*Interruptions*)... At least I am happy for that. (*Interruptions*)... Everybody is associated with it. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI (Tamil Nadu): Madam, I also want to associate. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN (Tamil Nadu) : Mr. Vincent also wants to associate with it. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI M. VINCENT (Tamil Nadu) : Madam, I also want to associate with it. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I agree I will accept that everyone from the Anna DMK, DMK and Congress (I) is associated. You want to say something?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE

SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR : I just want to say something, not to associate myself with it, but to dissuade the hon. Member from saying such things in the House. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please listen to him first what he is saying. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR : I respect your sentiments. I have taken note of your sentiments. Rligion and language should not come into conflict with rationality. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : That is what we are saying.

SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR : What I am saying is that this Government stands by the commitment made by Jawaharlal Nehru so far as the language formula is concerned. No language of any region will be imposed on any person in this country. So far as the point which has been raised by the hon. Member is concerned, I will bring it to the notice of the concerned Minister. We will look into it. But we are a country where we have one motto, that is, we live in unity in diversity. We are a diverse society but there is one thing that keep us together, that is, our Indianness. That Indianness should be taken note of befor we speak in favour of language, religion or region. That is what I wanted to say to the hon. Member. That is my request only. Let us not make it an issue. We respect... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN : Unless we raise such things in the House, how do you know about such things ?

SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR : We respect your sentiments. I share your sentiments. This country has the privilege of having the President of India coming from Tamil Nadu. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: So what? Does it mean that you can make a jawan commit suicide? (*Interruptions*)... Why are you bringing down the reputation of the President and the office of the President? Why did you say he was from Tamil Nadu? He is an Indian. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR : Whether it is Mr. Gopalsamy or Mr. Fotedar or Mr. Narayanasamy, all of us ar one. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : Shri Venkataraman is President of India. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR : What I am saying is ... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY (Andhra Pradesh) : Madam, I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please let us not make a dispute. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : Madam, I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I will allow you. (*Interruptions*)... Please take your seat. (*Interruptions*)... Mr. Gopalsamy, please take your seat. (*Interruption*)

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY : You have done greater injustice to Tamil Nadu than to any other State.(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will not allow any point of order on Special Mentions. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY : No, there is a point of order. (*Interruptions*) ...I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: There is no discussion in the House. You can not make a point of order. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: I am on a point of order. (*Interruptions*)...

1.00 P.M.

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: The President is the Commander-in-Chief of the army...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Let us not bring in the President...

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN:*

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THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please (*Interruptions*). Just a minute. Let me make my suggestion. What Mr. Fotedar said is in the spirit of it. Nobody is disputing the fact, what is being raised by Mr. Gopalsamy that a person was humiliated just for the sake that he did not know Hindi. Let the matter be inquired by the Government and they can be informed. But others are expressing their view that we are one country, whatever language we speak, whatever religion we follow, let us not go beyond the parameters of special mention.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam I am on a point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: Madam, the Minister has referred to the President of India.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: After my ruling, everything is settled.

SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY: It is in good faith. I grant that in good spirit and good faith he made a reference to the President. But I would like to respectfully submit that no reference under rules of the House should be made to the office of the President to buttress an arguement. There is a rule. (*Interruptions*).

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Jaipal Reddy, may I refer to some rules. One rule is, when I gave clarification—what Mr. Fotedar said about it—that happens to be my ruling also and that matter should not be raised. (*Interruptions*). Please. That matter is closed now.

SHRI M. L. FOTEDAR: What I say, I say in the right spirit. All of us are one. He has raised a point. We will look into it. There is no objection. All of us are one, whether somebody is from South, West, North or East. All of us are Indians.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will look into the records.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Madam...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gopalsamy, will you have some kind of a patience? I will look into the records. If any mention is made against the office of the President... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MURASOLI MARAN: It is not at all necessary. It is an innocent reference.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I will find out. I will look into it. I have the right to look into the records. If Mr. Gopalsamy has said something I will check it. They want to repeat it. But let me check whether it is reported or not. Mr. Ahluwalia.

Incident of a mysterious death of a person in the custody of Enforcement Directorate

श्री सुरेन्द्रजीत सिंह अहलुवालिया (बिहार) : महोदया, मैंने कल भी इस मसले को शून्य काल में उठाया था कि सुरिन्द्र सिंह नाम के एक व्यवसायी के घर में 28 तारीख को एन्फोर्समेंट डिपार्टमेंट ने रेड की थी। (व्यवधान) उस घर में जो तलाशी ली गई और उसका जो पंचनामा है उसमें साफ लिखा है कि इस घर की तलाशी में उन्हें फेरा से संबंधित कोई भी कागजात नहीं मिले या उन्होंने कोई भी चीज उस घर से नहीं उठाई। यह पंचनामा उस रेड पार्टी के जो अफसर थे उन्होंने अपने दस्तखत के साथ लिखा है। इसके बावजूद सुरिन्द्र सिंह को वे लोग अपने दफ्तर लोकनायक भवन में ले गए। वहां उस पर तरह-तरह का टोर्चर करते रहे। उससे कुछ लिखवा लेना चाहते थे जिसको वह लिखना नहीं चाहता था, जिस पर वह राजी नहीं हो रहा था। किसी खाली कागज पर उससे दस्तखत करवाना चाहते थे जिस पर वह राजी नहीं हो रहा रहा था ? इसलिए उसको मारते रहे, पिटते रहे, । उसके कपडे उतार दिए। लोग कहते हैं कि उसने छठी मंजिल से छलांग लगाकर आत्महत्या कर ली। यह सरासर झूठ है। अखबार में जो आज तक छपा है वही इस चीज को बताता